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THE COURT: I'm in the homestretch here. All that's left is my charge, and the case will be yours. The charge is my opportunity to educate you about the law that you need to apply to the facts as you find them, so you can imagine in this case it's dense and it's complicated. Because you've only been sitting for an hour at this point, I'm going to start the charge, do the first slug of it, and then give you your break just so you don't end up sitting too long all at one time.

You've heard the first portion of the charge. That doesn't mean it's the most important part of it. You're going to hear the last part of it today. That doesn't mean that's the most important part of it. It is all equally important. We're just trying to split it up to make it digestible to give you a reasonable schedule. So it is all important.

So as I said, I'm going to do one slug now, give you a break, and then finish it off. Now I turn to the indictment in this case and the statutes on which it is based.

First, I remind you that an indictment is not evidence of any kind against the defendants. The indictment is just an accusation filed in writing with the Court to bring a criminal charge against a defendant. As you've heard, the indictment in this case has 14 counts. Count 1 charges both defendants with conspiring to commit violations of the Federal Food, Drug and

1 Cosmetic Act, which makes it unlawful to introduce or cause the  
2 introduction of adulterated and/or misbranded medical devices  
3 in interstate commerce.

4 Counts 5 through 7 charge both defendants with wire  
5 fraud. That is participating in a fraudulent scheme to  
6 distribute the Stratus for an intended use not cleared or  
7 approved by the FDA and concealing the conduct all to increase  
8 the valuation and revenues of Acclarent and using specific  
9 e-mails or wire transmissions in furtherance of the scheme.

02:05 10 Counts 9 through 18 charge both defendants with  
11 substantive violations of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic  
12 Act based on the allegation that they introduced or caused the  
13 introduction of a misbranded and/or adulterated device in  
14 interstate commerce and that they did so with the intent to  
15 fraud or mislead.

16 As we discussed at the outset, there are gaps in  
17 numerical sequence. If I did not mention a count, that is  
18 because there is no count with that number in this case.  
19 Missing counts are not relevant to your deliberations and you  
02:05 20 should draw no conclusions from the numbering.

21 Both defendants deny that they are guilty of these  
22 charged offenses and are presumed to be innocent. Again, if  
23 you find a defendant guilty, the government must prove each  
24 element of a charged offense beyond a reasonable doubt.

25 I'm now going to talk to you about the provisions of

1 the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, also referred to as  
2 the FDCA, that will be relevant to your consideration of the  
3 charges in this case. The FDCA requires that most new medical  
4 devices, unless exempted, be approved or cleared by the Food  
5 and Drug Administration, or FDA, before they can be introduced  
6 in interstate commerce. The FDCA also prohibits the  
7 introduction into interstate commerce of misbranded and  
8 adulterated medical devices.

9 The FDCA classifies medical devices according to the  
02:06 10 risks associated with their use. There are three classes that  
11 can be assigned to a device -- Class I, Class II or Class III.  
12 Each class is subject to different regulatory controls with  
13 Class I devices getting the least scrutiny and Class III  
14 devices getting the most. Device classification depends on the  
15 technology and the intended use of a device. Thus, a single  
16 device can be assigned to different classes based on different  
17 intended uses, and similarly, two devices that are otherwise  
18 the same can be assigned to different classes based on  
19 different intended uses.

02:06 20 Any device that was not distributed before May 28,  
21 1976, is automatically classified as a Class III device unless  
22 that device has otherwise been classified by the FDA as a Class  
23 I or Class II device. The government and the defendants have  
24 stipulated, that is agreed, that the Stratus was not introduced  
25 into interstate commerce prior to May 1976.

1 A device classified as a Class III device must be  
2 approved by the FDA before it can be distributed in interstate  
3 commerce. This is generally accomplished through the Premarket  
4 Approval, also called the PMA, process, which involves the  
5 manufacturer of the device submitting a premarket approval  
6 application to the FDA. Once a manufacturer of a Class III  
7 device has submitted a premarket approval application to the  
8 FDA, the FDA will approve the PMA for the device only if the  
9 information in the PMA provides the FDA with reasonable  
02:07 10 assurance that the device is safe and effective under the  
11 conditions of use recommended in the device's proposed  
12 labeling.

13 A device can be removed from the automatic Class III  
14 designation, bypass the PMA process, and be assigned to either  
15 Class I or Class II if the manufacturer obtains a Section  
16 510(k) determination or order of "substantial equivalence" from  
17 the FDA for the device's intended use. "Substantial  
18 equivalence" means that the device has the same intended use as  
19 the predicate device and the FDA has found that the device has  
02:08 20 the same intended use as an already cleared Class I or Class II  
21 "predicate" device, and, in addition, that (1) it has the same  
22 technological characteristics of the predicate device, or, (2)  
23 if the technological device's characteristics are different,  
24 that the device is at least as safe and effective as the  
25 predicate device and does not raise different questions of

1 either safety or effectiveness than the predicate device.

2 A manufacturer seeking to obtain a determination of  
3 substantial equivalence for a new device must submit a  
4 premarket notification, also referred to as a "510(k)  
5 submission," to the FDA at least ninety days before the  
6 manufacturer intends to start commercially distributing the  
7 device.

8 "Intended use" is a defined term under the FDCA and  
9 its regulations, meaning that it doesn't necessarily have what  
02:08 10 you might think of as its usual, everyday meaning. During the  
11 510(k) review process of the FDA's determination of whether a  
12 new device's intended use is the same as the predicate device's  
13 intended use is based solely on the manufacturer's proposed  
14 labeling for the new device, which must be part of the 510(k)  
15 submission. A manufacturer's submission of labeling and its  
16 statement in intended use in the 510(k) notification means that  
17 that is the intended use for which the manufacturer seeks  
18 clearance under section 510(k). The manufacturer is not  
19 required to submit all possible or contemplated uses of the  
02:09 20 device in its 510(k) notification.

21 When determining that a device is substantially  
22 equivalent to a legally marketed device, the FDA may require a  
23 statement in the labeling that provides appropriate information  
24 regarding a use of the device not identified in the proposed  
25 labeling if the FDA determines and states in writing (1) that

1 there is a reasonable likelihood that the device will be used  
2 for an intended use not identified in the proposed labeling for  
3 the device; and (2) that such use could harm.

4 If the FDA issues a "substantial equivalence" order  
5 for a device, the manufacturer may then market the device for  
6 the intended use described in the 510(k) submission.

7 A device that is cleared by the FDA may be legally  
8 used by physicians for uses other than the use for which it is  
9 cleared or approved. This is referred to as off-label use.

02:10 10 Physicians are legally permitted to use a cleared or approved  
11 device for any purpose including an off-label purpose.

12 Off-label use is common. A device cleared under the 510(k)  
13 process is not adulterated or misbranded merely because a  
14 physician uses the device for an off-label purpose.

15 Although the FDA and FDCA regulate the marketing of  
16 medical devices, they do not regulate the practice of medicine  
17 or how physicians use medical devices, nor do they limit the  
18 authority of doctors to use medical devices that have been  
19 approved or cleared for one use for a different, unapproved, or  
02:10 20 uncleared use. The FDA does, however, regulate manufacturers  
21 in their distribution of medical devices by prohibiting them  
22 from distributing medical devices for any intended use that has  
23 not been FDA-cleared or approved.

24 Merely distributing a device with knowledge that it  
25 will be used for a use other than the use cleared or approved



1 by the FDA is not fraudulent or illegal. That being said, if a  
2 manufacturer has received 510(k) clearance to distribute a  
3 device for one intended use, it may not distribute the device  
4 for a significantly different intended use unless it obtains a  
5 new 510(k) clearance or a PMA approval for the device with that  
6 new intended use. I will explain what is meant by "intended  
7 use" in the distribution context a bit later in these  
8 instructions.

9 Off-label promotion refers to promoting a device for  
02:11 10 an off-label use, meaning an intended use that has not been  
11 FDA-cleared or approved. It is not illegal in and of itself  
12 for a device manufacturer to provide truthful, not misleading  
13 information about an off-label use. The FDCA does not prohibit  
14 or criminalize truthful, not misleading off-label promotion.  
15 You may not convict the defendant of a crime based solely on  
16 truthful, non-misleading statements promoting FDA-cleared or  
17 approved device, even if the use being promoted is not a  
18 cleared or approved use. Over the course of this trial you've  
19 heard evidence about a number of statements, marketing claims,  
02:12 20 and other communications about the Stratus. It is up to you to  
21 decide whether a statement is truthful and non-misleading or  
22 whether it is false and misleading.

23 The indictment in this case does not charge any  
24 defendant with the crime of promoting a device off-label,  
25 because that is not itself a crime. Rather, the FDCA crimes

1 charged are conspiring to introduce and causing the  
2 introduction of devices in interstate commerce that were  
3 adulterated or misbranded. Although you may not convict a  
4 defendant of a crime based solely on truthful, non-misleading  
5 statements regarding off-label use, even truthful statements  
6 about an off-label use can be considered as evidence. To put  
7 it another way, to convict there must be a criminal act.  
8 Truthful, non-misleading speech cannot be a criminal act in and  
9 of itself, but it can be evidence and therefore used by you to  
02:12 10 determine whether the government has proved each element of  
11 each offense beyond a reasonable doubt, including the element  
12 of intent.

13 As I have mentioned, "intended use" is a defined legal  
14 term. I have previously instructed you on the meaning of  
15 "intended use" during the FDA's 510(k) clearance process. I  
16 now will instruct you on the meaning of "intended use" as it  
17 applies outside the clearance process.

18 The term "intended use" refers to the objective intent  
19 of the manufacturer or seller of the device. The intent is  
02:13 20 determined by such person's expression or may be shown by the  
21 circumstances surrounding the distribution of the device. This  
22 objective intent may, for example, be shown by labeling claims,  
23 advertising matter, or oral or written statements by such  
24 persons or their representatives. It may be shown by the  
25 circumstances that the device is, with the knowledge of such

1 persons or their representatives, offered and used for a  
2 purpose for which it is neither labeled nor advertised. A  
3 device can have more than one intended use.

4 Mere knowledge that doctors are using a device for  
5 purposes other than its labeled use does not give rise to a new  
6 intended use. Off-label promotional statements can constitute  
7 evidence of an intended use, although truthful, non-misleading  
8 speech alone cannot be the basis for a criminal conviction.  
9 Neither the First Amendment nor any other law, however,  
02:14 10 protects false or misleading speech.

11 In addition, it is permissible to respond to  
12 unsolicited requests for information about FDA-regulated  
13 medical products by providing truthful, balanced,  
14 non-misleading and non-promotional scientific or medical  
15 information that is responsive to the specific request, even if  
16 responding to the request requires a manufacturer to provide  
17 information on unapproved or uncleared indications or  
18 conditions of use. Under these circumstances, such responses  
19 may not be considered as evidence of a new or different  
02:14 20 "intended use."

21 The term "label" and "labeling" have specific meanings  
22 under the FDCA. "Label" means any written, printed or graphic  
23 matter upon the immediate container of a product. All words,  
24 statements and other information required to be on the label  
25 must also appear on the outside container or wrapper.

1 "Labeling" is broader than the term "label."  
2 "Labeling" means all labels, as well as any other written,  
3 printed, or graphic matter on or accompanying the product in  
4 interstate commerce. Labeling may include promotional material  
5 or literature, including package inserts, pamphlets, mailing  
6 pieces, fax bulletins, reprints of press releases, information  
7 posted on internet websites selling the product, and all of the  
8 literature from the manufacturer that supplements or explains  
9 the product in connection with its sale.

02:15 10 Okay. That largely concludes my instructions on the  
11 FDCA. We'll come back and focus on the specific elements of  
12 the specific charges after you take a 15-minute break. And I  
13 may give you a little longer. So around 2:25, 2:30, okay?

14 (Recess taken.)

15 THE COURT: All right. I'm going to conclude the  
16 instructions, but first I want to give you one additional  
17 instruction in response to closing arguments today.

18 I want to reiterate that the burden of proof is always  
19 on the government. The defendant has no obligation to call any  
02:41 20 witnesses. I further instruct you that only the government has  
21 the ability to immunize witnesses. An unimmunized witness may,  
22 for all practical purposes, be unavailable to testify.

23 All right. I'm going to finish up the charge now.  
24 Now I'm going to give you some more specific instructions on  
25 crimes charged in the indictment and the elements of the

1 offenses that the government must prove beyond a reasonable  
2 doubt. I will explain each of the charges alleged in the 14  
3 counts, although I am not going to do it in numerical order.

4 Having just discussed the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act,  
5 I'm going to begin with the adulteration and misbranding  
6 charges (Counts 9 through 18) and then move on to Count 1,  
7 which alleges a conspiracy to violate the FDCA, and finally the  
8 wire fraud counts, Counts 5 through 7.

9 Counts 9 through 18 charge the defendant with  
02:42 10 violations of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, which  
11 I've been referring to as the FDCA. Counts 9 through 13 of the  
12 indictment charge the defendants with introducing or causing  
13 the introduction of an adulterated medical device into  
14 interstate commerce, and Counts 14 through 18 of the indictment  
15 charge the defendants with introducing or causing introduction  
16 of a misbranded medical device in interstate commerce. Each of  
17 these charges requires the government to prove three elements  
18 beyond a reasonable doubt. For misbranding and adulteration,  
19 the first two elements are the same, although the third is  
02:42 20 different for the two charges. I'm going to begin by  
21 instructing you on the two elements that are common to both  
22 adulteration and misbranding and finally instruct on the third  
23 element that the government must prove beyond a reasonable  
24 doubt first for adulteration then for misbranding.

25 The first element they must prove beyond a reasonable

1 doubt for both misbranding and adulteration is that the Stratus  
2 was a "device" regulated under the FDCA. For purposes of your  
3 deliberations, the parties have stipulated that the Stratus is  
4 a prescription medical device as those terms are defined in the  
5 FDCA. The second element the government must prove beyond a  
6 reasonable doubt for both adulteration and misbranding is that  
7 the defendant caused the Stratus to be delivered or introduced  
8 into interstate commerce. "Interstate commerce" means commerce  
9 between any state and any place outside of that state,

02:43 10 including other states or a foreign country. With regards to  
11 Counts 9 through 13, the indictment alleges the following:

12 Count 9 concerns a Stratus shipped to Hospital 1 in  
13 South Weymouth on approximately October 21, 2009

14 Count 10 concerns a Stratus shipped to Hospital 2 in  
15 Plymouth on approximately November 6, 2009

16 Count 11, a Stratus shipped to Hospital 3 in Lowell on  
17 approximately November 17, 2009

18 Count 12, a Stratus shipped to Hospital 4 in Hyannis  
19 on approximately August 11, 2010

02:44 20 Count 13, a Stratus shipped to Hospital 5 in Worcester  
21 on approximately February 25, 2011

22 With regards to Counts 14 through 18, the indictment  
23 alleges the following:

24 Count 14 concerns a Stratus shipped to Hospital 4 in  
25 Hyannis on approximately December 15, 2009

1 Count 15, a Stratus shipped to Hospital 1 in South  
2 Weymouth on approximately January 19, 2010

3 Count 16, a Stratus shipped to Hospital 2 in Plymouth  
4 on approximately January 10, 2010

5 Count 17, a Stratus shipped to Hospital 1 in South  
6 Weymouth on approximately October 13, 2010

7 Count 18, a Stratus shipped to Hospital 5 in Worcester  
8 on approximately May 27, 2011.

9 The government and the parties -- and the defendants  
02:45 10 have stipulated that the Stratus shipments identified in Counts  
11 1 and 9 through 18 were introduced into and traveled in  
12 interstate commerce, but you will still need to determine  
13 whether a defendant caused that to happen.

14 For the crime of introducing or causing the  
15 introduction of adulterated devices in interstate commerce  
16 charged in Counts 9 through 13 of the indictment, the third  
17 element that the government must prove beyond a reasonable  
18 doubt is that the Stratus was adulterated.

19 A medical device is adulterated if it is a Class III  
02:45 20 device that is required to have but does not have an  
21 FDA-approved premarket approval or "PMA" application for  
22 particular intended use and is not otherwise exempt from such  
23 approval.

24 If a device has been classified by the FDA as a Class  
25 I or Class II device under a 510(k) clearance, then it is not a

1 Class III device for the intended use for which it has been  
2 cleared, although it would be a Class III device for any  
3 uncleared or unapproved intended use that is significantly  
4 different from the use for which it was cleared unless it is  
5 Class I exempt. The fact that a physician buys a cleared  
6 device in order to use it for an off-label purpose does not  
7 change the classification of the device.

8 In sum, for you to find a defendant guilty of these  
9 counts, the adulteration counts, the government must prove each  
02:46 10 of the following elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

11 One: That the Stratus products listed in Counts 9  
12 through 13 were "devices;"

13 Two: That the defendant caused those products to be  
14 introduced in interstate commerce;

15 Three: That those products were adulterated.

16 Counts 14 through 18 of the indictment charge the  
17 defendants with introducing or causing the introduction of a  
18 misbranded device in interstate commerce. In order to find the  
19 defendant guilty of any of these charges, you must find that  
02:46 20 the government has proved the following elements beyond a  
21 reasonable doubt:

22 One: That the Stratus products listed in Counts 14  
23 through 18 were "devices;"

24 Two: That the defendant caused those products to be  
25 introduced in interstate commerce and;



1 Three: That those products were "misbranded."

2 I defined the terms "device" and "interstate commerce"  
3 earlier in these instructions, and they have the same meaning  
4 here.

5 Counts 14 through 18 allege that the Stratus devices  
6 were misbranded in three specific ways, which I will discuss in  
7 a minute. To find either defendant guilty of introducing or  
8 causing the introduction of misbranded devices into interstate  
9 commerce, you must find beyond a reasonable doubt that the  
02:47 10 Stratus devices were misbranded in at least one of these three  
11 ways. You do not need to find that the devices were misbranded  
12 in more than one way, but you must be unanimous as to which  
13 type of misbranding, if any, the government has proven beyond a  
14 reasonable doubt.

15 First, a device is misbranded if its labeling is  
16 materially false or misleading in any particular. I instructed  
17 you earlier on the definition of "labeling" and you should use  
18 that same definition throughout.

19 In determining whether a device's labeling is  
02:47 20 misleading, you may take into account, among other things, not  
21 only representations made or suggested by statements, word,  
22 design, device, or any combination thereof, but also the extent  
23 to which the labeling fails to reveal facts material in light  
24 of such representations or with respect to such consequences  
25 which may result from the use of the device under the

1 conditions of use prescribed in the labeling or under such  
2 conditions of use as are customary or usual. Half truths or  
3 incomplete statements that omit material information can make a  
4 label false and misleading if the omitted information is  
5 necessary to avoid making the statement misleading.

6 A fact is "material" if it has a natural tendency to  
7 influence or is capable of influencing the decision of the  
8 decisionmaker to whom it was addressed.

9 Second, a medical device is also misbranded if the  
02:48 10 manufacturer introduces the device into interstate commerce for  
11 an intended use that is significantly different from the use  
12 covered by its 510(k) clearance and without submitting a new  
13 premarket notification to the FDA regarding the different  
14 intended use.

15 Finally, a device is misbranded if its labeling does  
16 not bear adequate directions for its intended use.

17 "Adequate directions for use" for a prescription  
18 device like the Stratus means that any labeling that furnishes  
19 or purports to furnish information for the use of the device  
02:49 20 must bear adequate information for such use, including  
21 indications, effects, routes, methods and frequency or duration  
22 of administration and any relevant hazard, contraindications,  
23 side effects and precautions under which practitioners licensed  
24 by law to use the device can use it safely and for the purpose  
25 for which it is intended, including all purposes for which it

1 was advertised or represented. This information may be omitted  
2 from a package from which the device is to be dispensed, if,  
3 but only if, the directions, hazards, warnings, and other  
4 information are commonly known by practitioners licensed by law  
5 to use the device and there is no labeling on or within the  
6 package from which the device is to be dispensed that furnishes  
7 or purports to furnish any information for the use of the  
8 device.

9 With regards to Count 9 through 18, you must first  
02:49 10 determine whether the government has proved beyond a reasonable  
11 doubt that a defendant caused the introduction into interstate  
12 commerce of adulterated or misbranded devices. If you find  
13 that a defendant caused the introduction into interstate  
14 commerce of adulterated or misbranded devices, you should then  
15 consider when the defendant held a "position of responsibility"  
16 within Acclarent and the authority to prevent or to correct the  
17 adulteration or misbranding violations charged in the  
18 indictment. If you find beyond a reasonable doubt that the  
19 defendant held such a position of responsibility with respect  
02:50 20 to the adulteration or misbranding counts charged in the  
21 indictment but failed to prevent or correct the violations, you  
22 may find the defendant guilty of causing introduction of  
23 adulterated or misbranded devices into interstate commerce,  
24 even if he did not intend the devices to become adulterated or  
25 misbranded and did not personally know about the specific

1 circumstances that caused the devices to become adulterated or  
2 misbranded.

3 A defendant cannot be convicted solely based on his  
4 position in the company or if you find it was impossible for  
5 him to prevent or correct the adulteration or misbranding  
6 charged in the indictment. Rather, the government must prove  
7 beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant had the authority  
8 to prevent or correct the specific adulteration or misbranding  
9 charged here and that preventing the introduction of misbranded  
02:51 10 or adulterated devices into interstate commerce was not  
11 impossible.

12 Good faith, which I will discuss in more detail  
13 shortly, is not a defense because the law does not require a  
14 defendant to know about or to actively have engaged in  
15 wrongdoing in order to be held responsible for his company's  
16 distribution of adulterated or misbranded devices. All that  
17 the law requires is that the defendant held such a position of  
18 responsibility within the company and that he had sufficient  
19 authority to prevent or correct the violation and that the  
02:51 20 violation nonetheless occurred or was not corrected.

21 Again, with regard to Counts 9 through 18, if for a  
22 particular count and defendant, you do not find beyond a  
23 reasonable doubt that the defendant caused the introduction of  
24 adulterated or misbranded devices as charged in that count, you  
25 should acquit that defendant on that count and move on to the

1 next. If, however, you do find beyond a reasonable doubt that  
2 a defendant caused the introduction of adulterated and/or  
3 misbranded devices into interstate commerce as charged in each  
4 of Counts 9 through 18, you must then go on to determine  
5 whether the government has also proved beyond a reasonable  
6 doubt that the defendant committed the adulteration or  
7 misbranding violations with the intent to defraud or mislead.  
8 There will be two separate questions that you will have to  
9 answer. First, consistent with my instructions, did the  
02:52 10 defendant cause the introduction into interstate commerce of  
11 adulterated and/or misbranded devices? If no, then move on to  
12 the next count. But if yes, you must then decide if he did so  
13 with the intent to defraud or mislead.

14 A defendant acts with intent to defraud or mislead  
15 under the FDCA if the defendant acts with a specific intent to  
16 defraud or mislead either the government or individuals.

17 To act with the intent to defraud or mislead, the  
18 government means to act with the specific intent to interfere  
19 with or obstruct a lawful government function by deceit, craft,  
02:53 20 trickery or dishonesty ordinarily for the purpose of either  
21 causing some financial loss to another or bringing about some  
22 financial gain to the defendant or another. The government  
23 must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that there was an intent  
24 to defraud or mislead an identifiable regulatory agency rather  
25 than just a general intent to defraud or mislead. An intent to

1 defraud or mislead the government can be demonstrated through  
2 evidence that the defendant took steps, in connection with the  
3 distribution of products, to conceal material facts from the  
4 FDA or that a defendant acted with an intent to materially  
5 deceive the FDA and thereby hinder the FDA in carrying out its  
6 regulatory responsibilities.

7 An intent to defraud or mislead individuals can be  
8 proven by showing that a defendant knowingly made or caused  
9 materially false statements or representations to be made or  
02:53 10 that he intentionally concealed material facts for the purpose  
11 of misleading. It is not necessary for you to find that anyone  
12 was actually misled or defrauded as long as you find beyond a  
13 reasonable doubt that the defendant acted with the intent to  
14 mislead or defraud.

15 In order to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that each  
16 defendant distributed an adulterated or misbranded device with  
17 the specific intent to defraud or mislead, the government must  
18 prove beyond a reasonable doubt that each defendant knew the  
19 conduct was unlawful and nevertheless engaged in the conduct of  
02:54 20 the specific intent to disobey or disregard the known legal  
21 duties.

22 The intent to defraud or mislead must be connected to  
23 the alleged adulteration or misbranding violation. That is the  
24 government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the  
25 defendant you're considering caused the introduction of

1 misbranded or adulterated devices into interstate commerce with  
2 the intent to defraud or mislead.

3 To prove intent to defraud or mislead, the government  
4 must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a defendant did not  
5 act in good faith but instead acted with a specific intent to  
6 defraud or mislead. As I will discuss next, good faith is a  
7 complete defense because it is inconsistent with the intent to  
8 defraud or mislead. If you find a defendant did not have an  
9 intent to defraud or mislead or if you have reasonable doubt as  
02:55 10 to whether a defendant had an intent to defraud or mislead or  
11 whether he acted in good faith, you must find that the  
12 government has failed to prove that the defendant acted with  
13 the intent to defraud or mislead.

14 It can be difficult to prove a defendant's state of  
15 mind directly, but a defendant's state of mind can be proved  
16 indirectly from the surrounding circumstances. This includes  
17 things such as what the defendant said or did, how the  
18 defendant acted, and any other facts or circumstances in  
19 evidence that bear on the defendant's intent.

02:55 20 Good Faith. A defendant's good faith is a complete  
21 defense to the portions of adulteration and misbranding charges  
22 that require you to find an intent to defraud or mislead. This  
23 is the second question relating to misbranding and adulteration  
24 on your verdict forms. Good faith is not relevant to the first  
25 question where you must determine whether a defendant caused

1 the introduction of adulterated or misbranded device in  
2 interstate commerce. Good faith is also a complete defense to  
3 any other charge that requires the government to prove that a  
4 defendant acted knowingly and willfully or with an intent to  
5 defraud or mislead. This is because if a defendant acted in  
6 good faith, then the defendant necessarily lacked the knowledge  
7 and willfulness or specific intent to defraud or mislead that  
8 the government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt in order to  
9 convict the defendant of a count that requires proof of such a  
02:56 10 state of mind. Again, not all counts charged in this case  
11 require proof of such a state of mind, and this instruction  
12 applies only to those that do.

13 A defendant did not act in "good faith" if, even  
14 though he honestly held a certain opinion or belief, he also  
15 knowingly made false or fraudulent statements, representations  
16 or promises to others.

17 If a person acts either on a belief or an opinion  
18 honestly held that his actions were not criminal, that person's  
19 actions are not criminal simply because the belief or opinion  
02:56 20 turns out to be incorrect, inaccurate, or wrong.

21 A defendant does not bear the burden of proving good  
22 faith. Rather, it is the government's burden to prove beyond a  
23 reasonable doubt that a defendant did not act in good faith,  
24 but instead acted with a specific intent to defraud or mislead  
25 with regard to those counts that require proof of the specific



1 intent to defraud or mislead.

2 If you find a defendant did not have an intent to  
3 defraud or mislead, or if you have reasonable doubt as to  
4 whether a defendant had intent to defraud or mislead or whether  
5 he acted in good faith, you must find the defendant not guilty  
6 of any charge that requires proof of such intent, including  
7 wire fraud, which I will discuss shortly.

8 Now for Count 1. Counts 9 through 18 charge  
9 substantive violations of the FDCA, by which I mean actual  
02:57 10 violations of the FDCA. Count 1, the conspiracy count, by  
11 contrast, charges the defendants with conspiring to violate the  
12 FDCA. The crime is the agreement to commit the FDCA offenses  
13 rather than the actual commission of the offense. To find a  
14 defendant guilty of Count 1, you must unanimously find that the  
15 government has proved the following three elements beyond a  
16 reasonable doubt:

17 First, that at least two people agreed to violate the  
18 Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act in the ways alleged in  
19 Count 1;

02:57 20 Second, that the defendant willfully joined the  
21 agreement, intending that the charged crime or crimes be  
22 committed; and

23 Third, that at least one co-conspirator committed at  
24 least one overt act during the period of the conspiracy in an  
25 effort to further the purpose of the conspiracy.

1 A conspiracy is an agreement, spoken or unspoken. The  
2 conspiracy does not have to be a formal agreement or plan in  
3 which everyone involved sat down together and worked out all  
4 the details.

5 But the government must prove beyond a reasonable  
6 doubt that those who were involved shared a general  
7 understanding about the crime. Mere similarity of conduct  
8 among various people or the fact that they may have associated  
9 with each other or discussed common aims and interests does not  
02:58 10 necessarily establish proof of the existence of a conspiracy,  
11 but you may consider such factors.

12 To act "willfully" means to act voluntarily and  
13 intelligently and with the specific intent that the underlying  
14 crime be committed. That is to say, with bad purpose, either  
15 to disobey or disregard the law, not to act by ignorance,  
16 accident or mistake. The government must prove two types of  
17 intent beyond a reasonable doubt to establish that a defendant  
18 willfully joined the conspiracy: One, an intent to agree, and  
19 two, an intent, whether reasonable or not, that the underlying  
02:59 20 crime be committed. In considering whether either defendant  
21 had the specific intent to commit the underlying FDCA offenses,  
22 you should apply the instructions on intent that I previously  
23 gave you for each of the underlying offenses. Good faith is a  
24 defense to a charge of conspiracy. Mere presence at the scene  
25 of a crime is not alone enough, but you may consider it among

1 other factors. Intent may be inferred from the surrounding  
2 circumstances.

3 Proof that a defendant willfully joined the agreement  
4 must be based upon evidence of his own words or actions. You  
5 need not find that a defendant agreed specifically to or knew  
6 about all of the details of the crime or knew every other  
7 co-conspirator or that he participated in each act of the  
8 agreement or played a major role. The government must prove  
9 beyond a reasonable doubt that he knew the essential features  
02:59 10 and general aims of the criminal venture. Even if the  
11 defendant was not part of the agreement at the very start, he  
12 can be found guilty of conspiracy if the government proves that  
13 he willfully joined the agreement later. On the other hand, a  
14 person who has no knowledge of a conspiracy, but simply happens  
15 to act in a way that furthers some object or purpose of the  
16 conspiracy, does not thereby become a co-conspirator.

17 An overt act is any act knowingly committed by one or  
18 more of the conspirators in an effort to accomplish some part  
19 of the conspiracy. Only one overt act has to be proven. The  
03:00 20 government is not required to prove that one of these two  
21 defendants personally committed or knew about the overt act.  
22 It is sufficient if one co-conspirator committed one overt act  
23 at some time during the period of the conspiracy.

24 The government does not have to prove that the  
25 conspiracy succeeded or was achieved. The crime of conspiracy

1 is complete upon the agreement to commit the underlying crime  
2 and the commission of one overt act by at least one  
3 co-conspirator.

4 Some of the people who have been involved in these  
5 events are not on trial. There is no requirement that all  
6 members of a conspiracy be charged and prosecuted, or tried  
7 together in one proceeding. Your task is limited to  
8 considering the charges contained in the indictment and only as  
9 to the defendants before you.

03:01 10 Finally, the defendants are charged in Counts 5  
11 through 7 with wire fraud. These counts generally allege that  
12 the defendants participated in a fraudulent scheme to sell the  
13 Stratus for an intended use that was not FDA-cleared or  
14 approved and to hide that conduct from the FDA and actual and  
15 potential investors and purchasers of Acclarent in order to  
16 increase Acclarent's revenues and valuation. To find a  
17 defendant guilty of wire fraud, you must find that the  
18 government has proved each of the following four elements  
19 beyond a reasonable doubt:

03:01 20 One: That there was a scheme, substantially as  
21 charged in the indictment, to defraud or to obtain money or  
22 property by means or fraudulent pretenses;

23 Two: That the scheme to defraud involved the  
24 misrepresentation or concealment of a material fact or matter  
25 or the scheme to obtain money or property by means of false or

1 fraudulent pretenses involved a false statement, assertion,  
2 half-truth or knowing concealment concerning a material fact or  
3 matter;

4 Three: That the defendant knowingly and willfully  
5 participated in the scheme with the intent to defraud; and

6 Four: That for the purpose of executing the scheme or  
7 in furtherance of the scheme, the defendant either caused  
8 interstate wire communication, in this case the e-mails charged  
9 in the indictment, or it was reasonably foreseeable that for  
03:02 10 the purpose of executing the scheme or in furtherance of the  
11 scheme, the interstate e-mails would be sent, on or about the  
12 dates alleged.

13 A scheme includes any plan, pattern or course of  
14 action. The government does not need to prove all of the  
15 details alleged in the indictment concerning the precise nature  
16 and purpose of the scheme. The government also does not have  
17 to prove that the alleged scheme actually succeeded in  
18 defrauding or misleading anyone. What must be proven beyond a  
19 reasonable doubt is that a defendant knowingly participated in  
03:02 20 a scheme to defraud that was substantially as charged in the  
21 indictment.

22 The term "defraud" means to deceive another by  
23 misrepresenting or concealing a material fact in order to  
24 obtain money or property. To defraud, the deceit must cause  
25 someone to do that which they would either otherwise not do

1 which results in deprivation of money or property or causes  
2 another to obtain money or property as a result of the fraud.  
3 A regulatory clearance does not qualify as money or property  
4 for purposes of the wire fraud statute.

5 The term "false or fraudulent pretenses,  
6 representations or promises" means any false statements or  
7 assertions (1) that concern a material aspect of the matter in  
8 question, (2) that were either known to be untrue when made or  
9 unmade with reckless indifference to their truth, and (3) that  
03:03 10 were made with the intent to defraud.

11 A false representation can take several forms and can  
12 include the following:

13 1. A knowingly false statement about a material  
14 matter that is intended to deceive.

15 2. A "half-truth," meaning a statement about a  
16 material matter that is literally true but is intentionally  
17 made deceptive by leaving out important additional information;  
18 and

19 3. An intentional failure to disclose material  
03:03 20 information that one has a duty to disclose for the purpose of  
21 deceiving.

22 With regards to number 3, generally a failure to  
23 disclose alone is not sufficient to establish fraud. A person  
24 or a business has a duty to disclose information only if the  
25 law imposes such a duty. I instruct you that a person who

1 submits a written request to the FDA for an order of  
2 substantial equivalence, also known as a 510(k) submission, has  
3 a duty to disclose in the submission all facts material to the  
4 determination of substantial equivalency.

5 A "material" fact or matter is one that has a natural  
6 tendency to influence or is capable of influencing the decision  
7 of the decisionmaker to whom it was addressed.

8 To act "knowingly" means to act voluntarily and  
9 intentionally and not because of ignorance, mistake or  
03:04 10 accident.

11 An act or failure to act is "willful" if done  
12 voluntarily and intentionally, and with the specific intent to  
13 do something the law forbids, or with the specific intent to  
14 fail to do something the law requires to be done; that is to  
15 say, with bad purpose either to disobey or disregard the law.  
16 Thus, if a defendant acted in good faith, he cannot be guilty  
17 of the crime of wire fraud. The burden to prove intent, as  
18 with all other elements of the of the crime, rests with the  
19 government.

03:05 20 Again, intent or knowledge may not ordinarily be  
21 proven directly because there is no way of directly  
22 scrutinizing the ways of the working mind. In determining what  
23 a defendant knew or intended at a particular time, you may  
24 consider any statements made or acts done or omitted by him and  
25 all the facts and circumstances received in evidence that may

1 aid in your determination of his knowledge or intent. You may  
2 infer, but you certainly are not required to infer, that a  
3 person intends the natural and probable consequences of acts  
4 knowingly done or knowingly omitted. It is entirely up to you,  
5 however, to decide what facts are proven by the evidence  
6 received during this trial.

7 An "interstate wire communication" includes an e-mail  
8 transmission or other internet communication. The indictment  
9 alleges three specific e-mails, one for each of Counts 5, 6 and  
03:05 10 7.

11 Count 5 alleges an e-mail sent on November 13, 2009  
12 from Sales Rep A, Barbara Logan, to Clinic B in Boston. Count  
13 6 alleges an e-mail sent on November 16, 2009 from Sales Rep A,  
14 Barbara Logan, to Dr. C in Boston. And Count 7 alleges an  
15 e-mail sent on November 19, 2009 from Mr. Fabian to Training  
16 Team in Massachusetts.

17 The wire communication does not itself have to be  
18 essential to the scheme but it must have been made for the  
19 purpose of carrying it out. There's no requirement that either  
03:06 20 defendant is personally responsible for the wire communication,  
21 that the wire communication itself was fraudulent, or that the  
22 use of wire communications facilities in interstate commerce  
23 was intended as the specific or exclusive means of  
24 accomplishing the alleged fraud. But the government must prove  
25 beyond a reasonable doubt that each defendant knew, or could



1 reasonably have foreseen, that the use of a wire communication,  
2 in furtherance or for the purpose of executing the scheme,  
3 would follow in the course of the scheme.

4 The government and defendants have stipulated that the  
5 e-mails and other wires identified in Counts 1 and 5 through 7  
6 were interstate wire communications and traveled in interstate  
7 commerce.

8 In Counts 5 through 7 and Counts 9 through 18, each  
9 defendant has been charged both as a principal and an aider or  
03:07 10 abettor. I have already instructed you on the elements of the  
11 offenses that need to be proven beyond a reasonable doubt for  
12 you to find either defendant guilty as a principal.

13 A person may also be found guilty of each of those  
14 counts if he aided or abetted another in committing the charged  
15 offense. To "aid and abet" means intentionally to help someone  
16 else commit the charged crime. To establish aiding and  
17 abetting, the government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt:

18 One, that the crime charged was actually committed by  
19 someone. This person is called the "principal."

03:07 20 Second, that the defendant took an affirmative act to  
21 help or cause the commission of the charged offense; and

22 Third, that the defendant intended to help or cause  
23 the commission of the charged offense.

24 The second element, the "affirmative act" element, can  
25 be satisfied without proof that the defendant participated in

1 each and every element of the charged offense. It is enough  
2 that the defendant assisted in the commission of the charged  
3 offense or caused the charged offense to be committed.

4 The third element, the "intent" element is satisfied  
5 if a defendant had advance knowledge of the facts that make the  
6 principal's conduct criminal. "Advance knowledge" means  
7 knowledge at a time the defendant can opt to walk away.

8 A general suspicion that an unlawful act may occur or  
9 that something criminal is happening is not enough. Mere  
03:08 10 presence at the scene of the charged offense and knowledge that  
11 the charged offense is being committed are also not sufficient  
12 to constitute aiding and abetting. But you may consider these  
13 things among other factors in determining whether the  
14 government has met its burden.

15 I'm going to take a pause and see everyone at sidebar.  
16 They have a chance to comment on my instructions, make any  
17 corrections. I will be right back. Stand up, stretch. Get  
18 your blood flowing. We'll be right back.

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03:14 20 THE COURT: All right. Everybody should now have a  
21 copy of the verdict form. When you go back to the jury room,  
22 you will actually only have one of those, but I wanted you to  
23 each have one in your possession for when I'm giving my final  
24 instruction.

25 It is now time for you to start your deliberations. I

1 just want to say a few words about your deliberations.

2 Each of you must decide the case for yourself, but you  
3 should do so only after considering all of the evidence and  
4 listening to the views of your fellow jurors. You should not  
5 hesitate to reconsider your views from time to time and to  
6 change them if you are persuaded that that is appropriate. But  
7 do not come to a decision simply because other jurors insist  
8 that it is right, and do not surrender an honest belief about  
9 the weight and effect of the evidence just to reach a verdict.

03:15 10 Your verdict must be unanimous as to each of the  
11 questions I'm going to ask you to answer on the verdict form.

12 I'm going to ask juror number 1 to serve as  
13 foreperson. That's you in the first seat there. Your new  
14 number 1, not your old number 1. The foreperson will have the  
15 same voice and same vote as other deliberating jurors. The  
16 fact that one of you is foreperson does not give that person  
17 special status in your deliberations. You are all equal. The  
18 foreperson will act, to the extent helpful, as the moderator of  
19 the discussion and will serve as the jury's spokesperson. The  
03:15 20 foreperson's most important obligation is to insure that any  
21 juror who wishes to be heard on any issue has a full and fair  
22 opportunity to be heard by his or her fellow jurors.

23 If you as a group decide to take a recess during your  
24 deliberations, you should stop discussing the case until the  
25 recess is over. Do not discuss the case during a recess when

1 all jurors are present.

2 If it becomes necessary during your deliberations to  
3 communicate with me, you may do so by sending a note through  
4 the court officer. No member of the jury should ever attempt  
5 to communicate with me, except by such a signed writing. If  
6 you do communicate with me, do not tell me in the note how you  
7 stand numerically or otherwise, on any issue before you, until  
8 after you've reached a verdict. You are not to communicate  
9 with anyone but me about the case outside the jury room, and  
03:16 10 then only in writing. In turn, I will communicate with you  
11 only in writing or orally here in open court on anything  
12 concerning the case. On matters touching simply on  
13 arrangements for your meals, schedule and convenience, you are  
14 free to communicate with the court officer or Karen orally  
15 rather than in writing.

16 When you've reached your verdict, your answers will be  
17 recorded on what is called the verdict slip or the verdict  
18 form. That is simply the written notice of the decision you  
19 reach in this case.

03:16 20 I'm going to ask you all to pull out your verdict  
21 forms. I'm just going to walk you quickly through it. You  
22 will see that the counts in the verdict form are in numerical  
23 order, which is not the way I instructed you. You will also  
24 see that the defendant -- it is done by defendant but by count  
25 or by group of counts. You may consider any count in any order

1 that you want. You may consider one defendant and then go to  
2 the second defendant. You can mix and match. However you want  
3 to handle your deliberations is your prerogative. I just  
4 organized the verdict form in a way that I thought made sense,  
5 but how you conduct your deliberations is entirely up to you.

6 So the verdict form begins with Count 1, and you see  
7 that it asks you to make a decision as to Mr. Facteau on  
8 whether you find unanimously that the government has proven  
9 beyond a reasonable doubt that he's guilty of that offense. If  
03:17 10 you find him not guilty of that offense, turn to the next page.  
11 If you do find him guilty of that offense, Count 1 charges  
12 conspiracy to introduce adulterated or misbranded devices. If  
13 you find him guilty of the conspiracy, you then have to let us  
14 know which theory or both that you have found him guilty based  
15 on. That's the second question on that first page. You then  
16 go and do the same exercise on the next page for the defendant,  
17 Mr. Fabian.

18 On page 3, Counts 5 through 7 are both there for both  
19 defendants and are very straightforward. You then go to Counts  
03:18 20 9 through 13 on page 4, which go to introduction of an  
21 adulterated device. That's set up so that it's Mr. Facteau,  
22 Counts 9 through 13, and then Mr. Fabian, Counts 9 through 13.  
23 Again, any way you want is fine, but that's the way the verdict  
24 form was set up. On each of those counts for each defendant,  
25 you will find first whether the government has proven beyond a

1 reasonable doubt that he's guilty of the offense. And then if  
2 you find no, you go on to the next count. If you find yes,  
3 your second decision is whether or not it was done with the  
4 intent to defraud or mislead. That's the same for Counts 9  
5 through 13 for both defendants, which takes us to page 10 of  
6 the verdict form, which is counts 14 through 18. And it's set  
7 up very much in the same way, first off, all those counts for  
8 Mr. Facteau and then all those counts for Mr. Fabian.

9 For the misbranding counts, introduction of misbranded  
03:19 10 device, you first make a decision about whether or not you find  
11 the government has proven beyond a reasonable doubt that the  
12 defendant is guilty of the offense. If you find him not  
13 guilty, you go on to the next count. If you find him guilty,  
14 then you have to tell him which of the three misbranding  
15 theories you find him guilty of, and that decision must be  
16 unanimous.

17 I guess, just to go back to Count 1 for a second, same  
18 thing. When you're telling us which theory or theories you  
19 found proved, you have to be unanimous on that decision as  
03:19 20 well. Those are the misbranding counts.

21 Then the very last page of the verdict form just  
22 requires your foreperson to sign and date it and represent that  
23 those are the unanimous findings of the jury.

24 After you've reached a unanimous agreement on the  
25 form, your foreperson will fill in the verdict form, sign and

1 date it, and tell the court officer outside your door that you  
2 are ready to return to the courtroom. After you return to the  
3 courtroom, your foreperson will deliver the completed verdict  
4 form as directed in open court.

5 Anything else from anybody that we haven't already  
6 been heard on before I send them out? Okay.

7 (Jury exits, 3:19 p.m.)  
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